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EDUCATION

University of Geneva Ph.D Economics	Geneva, Switzerland 2021–Present
– Field: Applied Microeconomics - Development, Environment and Resource, Political Economy, Experiments	
– Thesis: “Essays in Development and Environmental Economics”, Advisor: Salvatore Di Falco	
Study Centre Gerzensee - Foundation of the Swiss National Bank Swiss Program for Beginning Doctoral Students in Economics (PhD Qualifiers), GPA: 5.5/6.0 (Fully funded by the Swiss National Bank and University of Geneva)	Gerzensee, Switzerland 2021–2022
– Sequences: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Econometrics	
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade M.A. Economics (specialisation in Trade & Finance)- First Class, First - Gold Medal; GPA: 8.72/9.00	Delhi & Kolkata, India 2019–2021
– Thesis: “Cash Transfers, Labour Supply, Poverty, and Entrepreneurial Incentive”, Advisor: Sugata Marjit	
Presidency University B.Sc. Economics - First Class, First - Gold Medal; GPA: 9.15/10.00	Kolkata, India 2016–2019
– Thesis: “‘Missing Girls’: Decline in the Child Sex Ratio in India”, Advisor: Zakir Husain	

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

International Trade Centre (ITC) Consultant Economist, Decarbonisation Framework of ITC	Geneva, Switzerland October 2024 - Present
International Labour Organization (ILO) Research Intern, ILO RESEARCH - Work, Income, and Equity Unit	Geneva, Switzerland April 2024 - Present
– 112th ILO International Labour Conference (June 2024); Palais des Nations, Geneva	
Project TRANSPATH (Horizon Europe Grant: 101081984) Doctoral Researcher, University of Geneva - funded by European Union Research and Innovation	Geneva, Switzerland August 2023 - Present
– UNCTAD 7th BioTrade Congress (March 2024); Palais des Nations, Geneva	
Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Research Intern, Department of Economic & Policy Research; Supervisor: Dr. Raj Rajesh, Director	Kolkata, India April 2020- July 2020
– Project: “Bank Funding to Self Help Groups in India: A Panel Data Analysis”	
Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industries (BCCI) Research Intern; Supervisor: Subhodip Ghosh, Director General; BCCI	Kolkata, India Dec 2019- Jan 2020

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- “Adaptive Capacity and Subsequent Droughts: Evidence from Ethiopia” (with Salvatore Di Falco and Avichal Mahajan); *Environment and Development Economics*, 2023
- “Leaving Home: Cumulative Climate Shocks and Migration in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Salvatore Di Falco, Anna B. Kis, and Martina Viarengo); *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 2024

REPORTS

- “Exploring Policy Leverage Points to Trigger Transformative Change in Finance and Trade” (with Francisco Alpízar, Salvatore Di Falco, Paul Dingkuhn, and Jeanne Nel); *Deliverable D4.1- Horizon Europe TRANSPATH Project*, 2023

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Is There a ‘Local Advantage’ in the Global Mining Industry?” (with Erik Katovich and Jonah Rexer)
- “Development Assistance and Crime-Accused Politicians: Evidence from Indian Elections” (with Souparna Maji)
- “Sustainability and Quality-upgrading in Cocoa Supply Chains: Experimental Evidence from Ghana” - funded by Project TRANSPATH (with Salvatore Di Falco and Erik Katovich)
- “Employment and Wage Outcomes of Second-Generation Migrants” (with Sevane Ananian and Giulia Dellaferrera)

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- [PoNACEE Geneva Workshop](#) - Geneva, Switzerland (*upcoming*) November 2024
- [Annual Congress 2024, Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics](#) - Lucerne, Switzerland June 2024
- [TRANSPATH Annual Consortium](#) - World Trade Centre, The Hague, The Netherlands March 2024
- [PhD Day Workshop: Geneva Graduate Institute and University of Geneva](#) - Geneva, Switzerland February 2024
- [IEE Brownbag Seminar: Geneva School of Economics and Management](#) - Geneva, Switzerland **June 2023**; October 2024
- [TRANSPATH Annual Meeting](#) - Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands February 2023
- [Swiss Joint PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics: 4th Edition](#) - Tänikon, Switzerland January 2023

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- [SNSF Scientific Exchanges Grant: 10'000 CHF \(P.I., RViE\)](#) - Swiss National Science Foundation, Switzerland 2024
- [Conference Grant: 10'000 CHF \(P.I., RViE\)](#) - GSEM and University of Geneva, Switzerland 2024
- [I.S.E.O. Scholarship: 1'600 EUR](#) - Institute for Studies on Economics and Employment, Italy 2024
- [Agricultural and Applied Economics Association \(AAEA\) Scholarship: 500 USD](#) - Arizona State University, USA 2023
- [Gold Medal: First Class, First Position in M.A. Economics \(2019-2021\)](#) - Indian Institute of Foreign Trade 2021
- [Gold Medal: First Class, First Position in B.Sc. Economics \(2016-2019\)](#) - Presidency University 2019
- [Debasish Chandra Memorial Prize- Presidency University, First position in B.Sc. Economics](#) 2019
- [UN Ghoshal Prize- Presidency University, First position in B.Sc. Economics](#) 2019
- [Gold Medal- IMO Mathematics Olympiad, Science Olympiad foundation \(SOF\)](#) 2013

WORKSHOPS, COURSES, SUMMER SCHOOLS

- [Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members: Machine Learning for Treatment Effects and Structural Equation Models](#) - Prof. Victor Chernozhukov July–August 2024
Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank, Switzerland
- [I.S.E.O. Summer School in Economics: The World Economy's Shifting Winds](#) June 2024
Iseo, Brescia, Italy
- [Summer School on Development Economics in the Field- Surveys, Measurements, and Experiments](#) June 2023
Paris School of Economics, Paris, France
- [Workshop on Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics](#) May 2023
AAEA, Arizona State University, Mesa, USA
- [Advanced Courses in Economics for Doctoral Students and Faculty Members: Ex Ante and Ex Post Policy Evaluation Approaches](#) - Prof. Petra Todd May 2023
Study Centre Gerzensee- Foundation of the Swiss National Bank, Switzerland
- [PhD course: Advanced Development Microeconomics: Market Failures](#) February–May 2023
The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland
- [PhD course: Advanced Development Macroeconomics: Empirical Research](#) September–December 2022
The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland
- [PhD presentations: Reading Group in Economics and Econometrics](#) September 2022–May 2023
GSEM- University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland
- [Summer School on Theoretical Physics & Quantum Mechanics](#) May 2015
Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS)- Kolkata, India

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

- **Rare Voices in Economics (RViE)** 2021–Present
 - [President: Member of the Steering Committee](#) (2023 -)
 - [Conference organizer: Rare Voices in Economics Conference \(3rd Ed.\)](#) (2023 - 2024) (*Funded by UNIGE, GSEM, & SNSF*)
 - [Communications coordinator: Website and Media Manager](#) (2021 -)
- [Journal Refereeing: Reviewer - European Review of Agricultural Economics](#) 2023–Present
- [Mentor: IEE PhD Mentoring Program- University of Geneva](#) 2023–Present
- [Co-organizer \(UNIGE partner\): Swiss PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics \(5th Edition\)](#) - Frick, Switzerland 2023–2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of Geneva, Geneva School of Economics and Management** Geneva, Switzerland
Research & Teaching Assistant in Economics at the Institute of Economics and Econometrics
- Labour Economics (2022)
 - Introduction to Macroeconomics (2023, 2024, 2025)
 - Development Economics (2024)
 - Introduction to Microeconomics (2022)

SKILLS

- **STATA, R Studio, L^AT_EX**, Python (Jupyter), Datawrapper
- Geospatial: **ArcGIS**, GEODA, Google Earth Engine
- Experiments: **NGENE**, NLOGIT
- Trade: **WITS**, **SMART Sim**, **OEC**, Trade Map, EORA
- **Bloomberg Market Concepts**, Bloomberg Terminal
- Financial Modeling: MS Excel and VBA

LANGUAGES

- **English:** Native or Bilingual
- **Bengali:** Native
- **Hindi:** Fluent
- **Urdu:** Intermediate (oral)
- **French:** Basic (A1)

PRE-PHD POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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| • IES- IIFT Economics Society- Core working member
<i>Editor (ECOLibrium magazine) and Organising Committee (Academic Seminars). Published articles:
-“Impact of US Protectionism and Right-Wing Populism on Deglobalisation” - ECOLibrium 3rd Edition
-“India’s Economic Slump and the Breakdown of the Industrial Sector” - ECOLibrium 2nd Edition</i> | 2019–2021 |
| • OIKOS- Presidency University Economics Society: Core working member and Public Relations Head
<i>Organised ‘ARTHATANTRA’- The Economics Summit, 2017, & 2018; PR & Social Media Team Head</i> | 2017–2019 |
| • PUYES- Presidency University Young Entrepreneurs’ Society: Member of the Organising Committee
<i>Organised ‘Presidency University Young Entrepreneurs’ Drive’ - 2016, 2017, & 2018.</i> | 2016–2018 |

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Classically trained (Hindustani) vocalist, performed in concerts at Victoria Hall, La Perle du Lac, [L’Usine](#), [Fête de la Musique \(Geneva\)](#), [Vandœuvres](#), Switzerland
- Associated with the University of Geneva Choir for 3 consecutive years
- Former playback singer at Innokrea Motion Pictures ([Movie: Dhupkathi](#))
- Former All Bengal Radio Artist at Gyan-Vani F.M. (IGNOU)